idea that, if necessary, by suitable legal changes, an arrangement should be brought out, whereby once elections are announced, the State administration should be under the neutral control of the Governor to ensure a level playing field for various political parties.

(c) The Election Commission has not sent any such proposal to the Government in this regard.

Speedy disposal of corporate cases

1031. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister *of* LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pendency of all types *of* cases including those relating to litigation between two or more corporate! is a cause of concern both for Government and the judiciary;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken for the speedy disposal of such cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JArTLEY): (a) to (c) Pendency of all types of cases including those relating to corporate litigation between two or more corporates, is a cause of concern for both the Government and the Judiciary. Various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of all cases. These include amendment in the Code of Civil Procedure and the Code of Criminal Procedure, increase in the number of posts of Judges[7] Judicial Officers and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a *statutory* base as supplementary forums for resolution of disputes.

Steps taken by the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts to expedite disposal of cases include, *inter alia,* more practical categorisation and grouping of cases, non-accumulation of defective matters, setting up of specialised benches etc.